

Areas of experience

Public Services

Public services are the “face” of the information center or library, focusing on direct assistance to people in finding, evaluating and using information.

Collection Management & Technical Services

Collection management staff build and manage the library’s collections in support of campus research and instructional needs. Technical services support the mission of the library by acquiring, processing, organizing, providing access to, and preserving the library’s print and electronic collections.

Special Libraries

Special libraries on the UW–Madison campus are discipline-specific information centers and support the learning, teaching and research in academic departments.

Information Technology (IT)

IT services cover the planning, development, design, application, and integration of technologies within the library and information environment.

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ISIP

INFORMATION SPECIALIST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The University of Wisconsin–Madison Libraries offer the Information Specialist Internship Program (ISIP) to increase awareness of the role of information specialists in libraries, and to develop a diverse learning community that includes students from historically under-represented groups.

"This internship allowed me to see librarians from a different perspective . . . people who are well rounded on providing all types of information."

— Jacob Metoxen
ISIP Intern, Fall 2007

The Program

The Information Specialist Internship Program (ISIP) provides second- and third-year undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin–Madison an experiential learning opportunity.

It provides knowledge and hands-on experience in information and library services. The internship is a paid opportunity, including mentoring and work experience in key aspects of the information specialist profession.

The program is designed to provide exposure, mentoring, and training in the field that will complement and enhance each student's specific academic and career development goals.

What is an information specialist?

Today's information specialists are: librarians, Internet guides, educators, researchers, public administrators, information architects, children's services specialists, reader's advisors, and patent information scientists . . . the choices and career directions are boundless.

Who is eligible?

Second-year and third-year undergraduates enrolled on the UW–Madison campus at least halftime are eligible to participate in the Information Specialist Internship Program (ISIP).

How does it work?

ISIP's structure is based upon a two-year cycle, divided by three to four modules per year that focus upon the essential foundation of the information profession. Each module lasts approximately eight weeks and entails eight-to-ten hours of work each week.

For the first year and a half, the program provides a breadth of exposure to critical areas of the field, supervised by a mentor located at an assigned campus library or information center.

During the second year, ISIP includes more in-depth experience in one or more units based upon the interest of the intern and will include a pay increase.

ISIP benefits

- firsthand experience in the field of information science
- mentoring opportunities possible with professional staff or graduate students
- earned pay with periodic increases
- experience that will directly advance your academic and career goals
- flexible schedule
- opportunity to attend a professional conference